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(Washington DC) Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez today released the following statement remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001 and the sacrifice of the first responders, service men and women, firefighters and police officers who answered the call of those in need.

"Each year on September 11, America remembers the nearly 3,000 lives cut short by unspeakable tragedy. Today we recall the heroes who answered the call to save their countrymen and women. And in their memory, we honor the principles of freedom, equality and democracy that define our nation. We will never forget their sacrifice, the families who mourn them or the values they died for."

"Congress has established September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. As Part of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act --and as a tribute to Senator Kennedy's lifelong commitment to public service-- this day is a call to all Americans to come together in service to our country and to teach our children about the privilege of freedom."

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